

**Another Review of AID Programs.** By Anna Gawel, *Devex Newswire*, 18 Apr 2025

### **The never-ending review**

First, we got the announcement on Jan. 20 that the Trump administration was going to conduct a 90-day review of all U.S. foreign assistance. Then the timeline sped up and at the end of March, Secretary of State Marco **Rubio announced the review was over** — along with more than 80% of USAID’s programming.

Now, it appears **the government may be backtracking**, with an internal email from the State Department stating that the [review has been extended for another 30 days](#), my colleague Elissa Miolene writes.

“With our additional time, we will work on doing another round of bureau feedback and get recommendations up to S [the secretary of state] and then over to [the Office of Management and Budget],” says Jeremy Lewin, [the new acting director](#) of foreign assistance at the [State Department](#). **“The timeline should now fit nicely with the budget proposal** and better reflect the fact that, in view of the rapid S review of USAID and State [Department foreign aid] programs in February, the [foreign assistance review] is now more of a prospective budgetary document.”

Does that mean some of the axed programs **could be brought back, or will the ones left standing be axed** themselves? As with so many things during the Trump administration’s up-and-down purge of USAID, we don’t know.

After all, Lewin’s email isn’t the first time the administration has culled programs beyond those it told Congress about.

Just last week, a slew of additional programs previously tagged to survive the aid cuts [were canceled](#), the majority of which provided lifesaving food assistance in conflict zones. Days later, [Rubio tweeted](#) that under his direction, the State Department had **canceled another 139 programs on the congressional “active” list**. And yesterday, State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce told reporters they were “continuing to review the department’s global posture and programs to ensure that they serve U.S. interests.”

**Read:** [Trump administration extends foreign aid review for another 30 days](#)